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IS THERE A PROTESTANT PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION?
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT TODAY'S STUDENTS?

are two of the questions to be given serious consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education to be held at Omaha, Nebraska, February 8-9, 1959.

This is the Annual Meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Commission which will review activities of the past year and formulate policy decisions. Invited to share in the program features and the Annual Dinner are members of the CHE Committees, Higher Education staff from the denominations, faculty, administrators, and students from colleges and universities.

Sessions open at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, February 8. Of particular interest -

1. 3:00 P.M. - Address and Panel
"Protestantism and Its Philosophy of Education"

- The Questions - Everett Kircher, Professor of Education
Ohio State University

- Comments - J. Edward Dirks, Yale Divinity School
Editor, The Christian Scholar

Paul Deats, School of Theology
Boston University

2. 6:15 P.M. - Annual Dinner - Hotel Fontenelle
Address and Panel
"American Students Today and Tomorrow"

- William Kirkland, McCormick Theological Seminary

- Comments - Allan Burry, Chairman, United Student Christian Council
- Harold H. Viehman, Associate Secretary, Division of Higher Education, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

(Reservations for the Dinner may be sent to the Commission on Higher Education, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.)

Monday, February 9 - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Business Session

We receive inquiries from time to time regarding the denominational affiliation of the members of Congress. Such a listing as recorded by the Congressional Director and Who's Who in America is available from the Washington office of the National Council of Churches, 122 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C. CONGRESSMEN AS CHURCHMEN

The "Message" adopted by the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the NCC, with its recommendation that Red China be recognized, has set forth a new wave of attacks upon the National Council as being Communist, etc. To the McCarthy-minded and those who deny the right of the Church to speak on any social question, there is not much to be said. But for those who prefer to make their judgements on the basis of fact after hearing both sides, there is information available. Some reminders are in order: CRITICS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

1. The Study Conference, while sponsored by the Department of International Affairs, was made up of officially appointed delegates from the denominations.
2. The Conference spoke in its own name and was not a pronouncement of the NCC. However, the General Board of the NCC upheld the right of the Conference to speak since "The Christian Churches of the U.S. and their Councils not only have the right but the duty to study and comment on issues, no matter how controversial, in the realm of politics, economics, and social affairs, in view of their common faith in Jesus Christ as both Lord and Saviour".
3. The "Message" is commended to Christians for study and discussion not as ex-cathedra dictum.

We suggest that those concerned get copies of the message and other information available from the National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

To those who are asking why we should suddenly be concerned about making higher education available to such larger numbers of young people, we quote the statement of President Harold Case of Boston University. "In 1930, 27% of the nation's work force needed college training; in 1958, 57% of the population should be college trained ..... By 1970, we shall need to have a work force of whom 75% hold college degrees." EDUCATION NEEDED

Some of us are failing to use available resources by not making use of the knowledge and talents of a large number of visiting scholars in the United States. A listing of those studying and lecturing in this country is available from Dr. Elizabeth P. Lam, Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington 25, D. C. The listing is catalogued under fields of study, the home country of the professor, the host institution, and field of special interest. Those wishing to bring such people to a campus should get in touch with Dr. Lam. EDUCATORS AVAILABLE

Dr. John C. Kennan of the Society for Visual Education writes commending the National High School Institute held annually at Northwestern University for outstanding high school students. "I'd like to direct your attention to the Institute that will be offered by the School of Education for the first time this summer. In my opinion it is a significant event because it is attacking the national problem of the teacher shortage ... Any girl or boy who is considering teaching as a career whould know about the Northwestern program." For information write Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. HIGH SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Manchester College, Indiana, sends information on A Faculty Workshop on the Integration of Knowledge and Educational Experiences in which Dr. Arnold Nash, Dr. Paul L. Dressel, and Dr. Clarence Ficken were used as resource leaders. Among the subjects discussed, "Can Education Be Theologically Neutral?" - "Concepts of Integration in Higher Education". The Workshop is part of a two-year curriculum and instructional improvement study made possible by the Lilly Foundation. FACULTY WORKSHOP

Some 225 college presidents, denominational representatives, and special guests heard Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, SMU, speak on "Quid Est Veritas?" at the Inaugural Dinner of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities at Kansas City, January 5, 1959. (Copies of the address will be printed)

COUNCIL OF PROTESTANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIE

Officers elected - President - Fred G. Holloway, Drew University
Vice-President - Miller Upton, Beloit College
Secretary - Clemens Granskou, St. Olaf College
Treasurer - Myron Wicke, Dean, Southwestern University

Additional Members of the Executive Committee

George Armacost, University of Redlands
E. Fay Campbell, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
Jno. D. Moseley, Austin College
Samuel Proctor, Virginia Union University
M. E. Sadler, Texas Christian University
Ex-officio - Gerald E. Knoff, National Council of Churches
Hubert C. Noble, National Council of Churches

Offices for the Executive Secretary of the Council will be set up in the headquarters of the Association of American Colleges in Washington, D. C. This is in keeping with the clear intention of the Council to cooperate and coordinate its activities fully with the Association of American Colleges.

The meeting of the AAC in Kansas City was outstanding for the quality of the addresses and the section meetings. Quotable excerpts:

AAC MEETING

"Men like Galileo and Newton dug down into their specialties and they asked crucial questions about them ... The measure of excellence may be the kind of problem which a man perceives and his success in answering it."

"Conformity to embalmed knowledge should not be called learning" - Prof. George Boas

"You cannot keep theology out of the college.....It is for the college to deal with the divine as a human datum just as it deals with life as a datum..... Historically the divine has been conceived of as immanent (naturalism) or as self-revealing (Judeo-Christian) .....The college should teach this historical fact just as it teaches other historical facts.....The college ..... must also show the human consequences of each theology.....What I ask for is that the secular university in a pluralistic society admit openly that it has a theological function and that it must willy nilly perform it." Father E. Gustave Weigel

"The role of women in Soviet higher education is a significant one ..... 35% of all of the teachers in Soviet higher education are women. 51% of all of the students in these 800 institutions are women..... 39% of the engineering students, 44% of the students in agricultural science, and 70% of the students in teacher training are women.....The Soviets do not waste potential brain power whether dressed in trousers or skirts." Dr. Franklin D. Murphy

Worth examination by Chaplains is the recently printed "Program" of Marsh Chapel at Boston University, a digest of the work of the ministry there 1957-58. Everything from formal worship to the Ministry of the Dance and Dedication of Babies is included. It gives a good idea of what goes on though does not reveal the content. Howard Thurman is the Chaplain.

FOR CHAPLAINS

The Christian Scholar for December 1958 contains articles by Charles Forman (Preaching and Practice in Christianity and Communism), Robert Fossum (The Defective Christ of Arthur Koestler), Herbert Stroup (Apollo and Dionysius: A View of Student Activities), William T. Levy (The Idea of the Church in T. S. Eliot) and others, including a review article by E. Harris Harbison on recent publications by Maritain and Bultmann. THE CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR

The September 1958 issue on "National Science and Christian Faith" is being reprinted to meet the orders from science and engineering teachers. 60,000 university persons received a special announcement of this issue.

We mentioned recently the fact that Private Educational institutions could claim exemption from excise taxes. The January 2 issue of Higher Education and National Affairs of the American Council on Education gives detailed information on how such claims may be made. TAX EXEMPTION

A follow-up of the report we made a short time ago of the failure of many colleges and universities to really welcome foreign students into the life of the institution is information on the imaginative project of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches in providing winter coats for foreign students on local college campuses. The coats are given on a loan basis, dry-cleaned and made available for others. This means a great deal to students from warm climates who come completely unprepared for some winter areas. FOREIGN STUDENTS

"A National Consultation on the Negro in the Christian Ministry" has been called by the Department of the Ministry for March 6, 7, and 8 at Seabury House. Seventy consultants have been invited for the weekend to consider the enlistment, theological training, and pastoral placement of Negro youth in the Christian Ministry. CONSULTATION ON THE MINISTRY

"This is not a Consultation on the Negro Ministry," reports the Planning Committee, of which the Reverend Sherman L. Greene, Jr., of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is chairman, "but one on the Christian Ministry, with special attention given to the problems and opportunities which the sociological situation of the Negro in the United States creates for the churches."

Papers for the Consultation are being prepared by Chancellor J. M. Ellison of Virginia Union University, Professor Emeritus Ralph A. Felton of Drew University, Professor J. Neal Hughley of North Carolina College, and President Harry V. Richardson of Gammon Theological Seminary. President Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College will give the opening address.

Those interested in the Churches' united approach to the concerns of the ministry will wish to obtain the free pamphlet, "The Churches and Their Ministries - Reflections on the Emerging Role of the Department of the Ministry of the National Council of Churches". (Department of the Ministry, Commission on Higher Education, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.)

The 18th Quadrennial Conference of the Student Volunteer Movement will be held at the University of Ohio, Athens, Ohio, December 27, 1959 to January 2, 1960. This conference will follow the pattern of the exciting 1955 conference in dividing the 3,000 delegates equally between students studying in the U.S. from outside North America and from the United States. The conference will be set in the context of the five-year Life and Mission of the Church Emphasis of the Student Christian Movements around the world. SVM QUADRENNIAL CONFEREN

Another important date is September 5-11, 1959 when at Oberlin College the Constituting Convention of the new National Student Christian Federation, uniting the United Student Christian Council, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Interseminary Movement, will be held. FIRST NSCF CONFEREN

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY

A special issue of Information Service for use in connection with NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY, April 12, 1959, will be mailed with the next issue of "News Notes".

Other material available:

- "Church and College" - a special issue of The International Journal of Religious Education, February 1958 - 50¢ -- in quantity - 25¢
- Information Sheet - National Christian College Day 1958 - 10¢
- "What Is a Christian College?" - 50¢
- "The Theological Idea of the University: Williams - $1.00

BRIEFLY NOTED

Information gathered from the excellent "News Notes for the Presidents' Desk" of the NCEA:

- The November 15, 1958 issue of America contains a directory of the Catholic colleges and universities -- 208 senior colleges and universities in 37 states and D.C., enrolling 238,000 students. Since World War II, 27 new Catholic colleges have been founded
- The British Government announced recently a 750 million dollar five-year program to introduce the American type of high school throughout the country.
- New York State's private colleges and universities are studying Pennsylvania's system under which about $15,000,000 in state aid is given to private institutions each year.
- "The Meaning and Use of Academic Degrees and Titles", by Domenic A. Vavala of Incarnate Word College. A reprint available from the Texas Journal of Sciences, September 1958.
- Princeton University is raising undergraduate tuition to $1450 and at the same time liberalizing its student aid program so that students may borrow up to $3,000 over four years instead of $2,000. One in five students at Princeton is being aided by loans. Graduates who enter the ministry or teaching may apply for a 20% rebate per year for four years on loans.

GILSON ON FAITH AND LEARNING

While thinking of our Roman Catholic friends, let me express appreciation to Etienne Gilson for the most stimulating reading in higher education that is provided in "A Gilson Reader" edited by Anton C. Pegis, Doubleday Image Book D 55. Sample quote for the Faculty Christian Fellowship, "It is possible to be a savant, a philosopher, and an artist without having studied theology, but it is impossible without it to become a Christian savant, philosopher, or artist. Without it, we can indeed be, on the one hand, Christians, and on the other hand, savants, philosophers, or artists, but never without it will our Christianity descend into our science, into our philosophy, into our art, to reform them from within and vivify them. For that the best will in the world will not suffice. It is necessary to know how to do it in order to be able to do it; and, like the rest, it cannot be known without being learned".

INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

For those who are being asked about available information on Scholarships and Loans, we list below a few of what seem to us to be the best sources of information. The first suggestion is, of course, for the student to get in touch with the particular institution in which he is interested.

- "Fellowships in the Arts and Sciences, 1959-60". A guide to the sources of support of graduate study and research at all levels. Published by the Association of American Colleges. Write - Fellowships in the Arts and Sciences, 70 Biochemistry Building, The University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.
- "Financial Aid for College Students: Undergraduate", Theresa B. Wilkins. Includes summaries of scholarships, loans, and employment opportunities available at institutions of higher education. 1955-56, by state. Bulletin 1957, No. 18, 232p. $1. Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. (NEA)

- "Lovejoy-Jones College Scholarship Guide", Clarence E. Lovejoy and Theodore S. Jones. Gives facts about thousands of scholarships, fellowships, grants in aid, loan funds, assistantships, and scholarships sponsored by educational and fraternal groups and by government and industry. 1957. 123 p. paper, $1.25; cloth, $3.95. Simon and Schuster, Inc., 630 Fifth Ave., New York 20.
- "Scholarships and Fellowships: A Selected Bibliography", Richard C. Mattingly. Annotated bibliography of 120 recent publications on financial aid to college students. Bulletin 1957, No. 7, 28p. 15¢ Supt. Doc. (NEA)
- "The College Handbook", prepared by College Entrance Examination Board (Box 592, Princeton, N.J.) Those colleges which use the tests of the College Entrance Examination Board summarize their aid programs. This handbook also contains a valuable section on academic requirements for admission. 1957-58, Pages xiii to xiiii, $1.50.
- "Scholarship Programs Using Service Offered by Educational Testing Service". Describes 70 scholarship programs. Available on request. Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau St., Princeton, N. J.
- Information about special types of scholarships may be obtained by writing such organizations as: Committee for Educational Grants and Scholarships, General Motors Corp., 3044 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit 2; National Merit Scholarship Corp., 1580 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.; Science Clubs of America, 1719 N St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

COMMENT ON TUITION

Speaking of Loans and Scholarships, we call attention to the excellent article by Robert P. Ludlum of Blackburn College in the October Educational Record on "How High Should Tuition Go?". He points out that those who have supported private education in the past have done so not merely to help individuals but because colleges and universities are agencies of society in educating young people who serve society.

COWLEY ON EDUCATIO

In the same issue, don't miss W. H. Cowley's informed and stimulating article on "College and University Teaching 1858 to 1958". Within an historical context he delineates various types of education and calls for continued creative understanding of what we are trying to do.

IMPORTAN INTER-FAITH DISCUS-SION

Important for reading and study is the report on the Seminar, "Religion and Freedom", sponsored by the Fund for the Republic. Not only were significant things said on religion and freedom but the frank discussion between Catholics, Protestants, and Jews was most encouraging. It is high time we got away from the miasma of vague goodwill avoiding all the serious questions that has marked such meetings previously and met in terms of a serious good will that really faces what it means to work together when each faith takes itself seriously. To be read along with the Seminar report is the pamphlet, "Religion and the Free Society" also published by the Fund for the Republic.

THE FERMENT OF IDEAS

It has been our impression that some important things are being said at College Convocations, Inaugurations, Commencements, and in Annual Reports. We hope Presidents will continue to send us copies when they are available. If the impression is correct, we may be able to find some way of sharing the best of these statements with a wider audience.

IN CLOSING

Tributes to retiring Presiding Bishop Sherrill of the Episcopal Church at the luncheon for him held recently at Chicago were brief, pithy, and well-deserved. As usual, on such occasions, humor was not lacking. Quoted was Ogden Nash, "When a man is head of Dioceses, he thinks it adds infallibility to his biases." Bishop Martin referred to the Bishop who "Moved Brother Whale from Wiggle Creek to Blue River." And someone else defined a committee as "A body of the unfit appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary." To which we who spend so much of life in committee meetings say Amen! However, perhaps it is wise to remember that the alternative is dictatorship where committees are unnecessary because you have government of the unwilling by the unfit.

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